### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

EXPERI-METAL INC.

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.

**COMERICA BANK** 

Defendant.

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### NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant, Comerica Bank, removes this civil action under 28 U.S.C. 1441 from the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court for the State of Michigan (Macomb Circuit Civil Case No: 09-5138-CZ) to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division. This Court has original jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. 1332(a)(1) because:

- (a) the amount in controversy, excluding interest and costs, exceeds \$75,000 (Plaintiff's complaint seeks \$560,000 in money damages); and
  - (b) the parties are citizens of different States.

The Plaintiff is a corporation organized under the law of Michigan with its principal place of business at Macomb County, Michigan (Complaint paragraph 1). The Defendant is a Texas

Banking Corporation organized under the law of the Texas with its principal place of business at Dallas, Texas. 28 U.S.C. 1332(c)(1).

Removal is timely because plaintiff filed this civil action on November 17, 2009, in Macomb County Circuit Court. 28 U.S.C. 1446(b).

Exhibit 1 is an accurate copy of all process, pleadings and orders served on defendant to date. 28 U.S.C. 1446(a)

Date: December 17, 2009

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## CIVIL COVER SHEET County in which action arose

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V. ORIGIN  (Place an "X" in One Box Only)  (Place an "X" in On					
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION  Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  28 USC 1332; 28 USC 1441  Brief description of cause; Claim for money damages arising out of wholesale wire transfers					
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	CHECK YES only i JURY DEMAND:	f demanded in complaint:	
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# PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 83.11

1.	Is this a case that has been previously dismissed?	Yes
lf yes, g	give the following information:	☐ No
Court: _		
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2.	Other than stated above, are there any pending or previously discontinued or dismissed companion cases in this or any other court, including state court? (Companion cases are matters in which it appears substantially similar evidence will be offered or the same or related parties are present and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence.)	☐ Yes ☑ No
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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM IS 44

#### Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
- United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.
- United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
- Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
- Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
- Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
- Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
- Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
- Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
- Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
- Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.
- Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.
- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.

  Example:
  U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553
  Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
- Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.
- Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.
- Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
ss
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I hereby certify that on December 17, 2009, I electronically filed the following papers with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system: (1) Removal Notice (including Complaint and Jury Demand attached).

The foregoing papers were served in the traditional manner by depositing the papers in a US Mail Receptacle in an envelope addressed as follows with postage fully pre-paid on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009:

Richard B. Tomlinson, Esq Daniel R. Boynton, Esq Joseph W. Thomas, Esq. Driggers, Schultz & Herbst, P.C. 2600 West Big Beaver Road Suite 550 Troy, MI 48084 The foregoing papers were also delivered to counsel for plaintiff to the follow Email Addresses: <a href="mailto:rtomlinson@driggersschultz.com">rtomlinson@driggersschultz.com</a>, <a href="mailto:dboynton@driggersschultz.com">dboynton@driggersschultz.com</a>, and <a href="mailto:jthomas@driggersschultz.com">jthomas@driggersschultz.com</a>.

The foregoing papers were filed with the Honorable Donald G. Miller, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court, 40 N. Main Street, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043, by placing said copies in an envelope properly addressed to same and depositing said envelope in the US Mail Receptacle, postage prepaid, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

Date: December 17, 2009

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